

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND COUNTY ARCHERY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 12th July 2021 on Skype; the meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Eddie Pemberton	Chair	Mark Lantsbery	Welland Valley
Mark Peart	Treasurer	Peter Fox	Bowmen of Rutland
Jayne Curnock	Secretary	Carol Smith	Records
Tom Cram	Paradox Rep/Webmaster		
Quentin Mabbutt	LAOFAC		
Andrew Bennison	The Foxes		
Martin Dexter	Bowmen of Birstall		
Mick Shaw	Lutterworth		
Colin Timson	Hinckley	Helen Smedley	AGB/Midlands RDO

13 attended

1. **Apologies;** Avtar Singh and Sarah Warner.
2. **Matters Arising.** The committee agreed at the last meeting that Helen Smedley (AGB Midlands Region Development Officer), could attend county meetings. She gave a short presentation; the slides will be sent out with the minutes of the meeting. After the presentation Helen answered questions; Members ask what does AGB do for them? Those not interested in competitions etc. feel disconnected from AGB. No short answer, perhaps an article in the magazine, the AGB yearbook is also a good source of information, the yearbook can be found at <https://online.fliphtml5.com/oqfs/wzup/#p=1> If any clubs have any questions please email Helen, she is happy to visit clubs and get involved with club committees. AGB needs to be relevant to the majority of the membership, Helen feels that better communication is the key to this. It would be good to get county clubs organised so that Helen could visit several on the same day.
3. **Treasurer's report.** Balance of Barclays account is £8760.49 cash in hand £457.07. We have received the EMAS development grant for 21/22 year the criteria have been waved for this year, although the EMAS chair will want a summary of what the money has been spent on, the criteria requirements will return for 22/23 award.
4. **Secretary's report.** Fees for AGB have been announced and all documents have been updated, circulated to clubs and put on the county website. Can clubs please ensure that they use my new postal address, if they aren't sure email me. lrcaasecretary@gmail.com
I asked AGB for a list of junior members email contact information, I only got the membership report that I am able to access anyway. Therefore, I am unable to contact juniors directly about shooting for the county. Since sending out the job descriptions for the "Teams" I haven't heard from anyone expressing any interest. Megan Havers (Bowmen of Glen) has been selected to shoot for GB at the European Youth Cup, on the 1-8 August 2021, this is a self-funded trip. It is Megan's first selection to GB and she would like to claim the full £300 available from county, as yet she has no receipts. The county committee unanimously agreed that Megan is eligible for the award, once the competition has taken place and they have receipts for the expenses, county will authorise the payment.
Megan has also claimed for funding from EMAS; however, this needs to be approved by the county committee first, Jayne to contact Claire to update her and to get the paperwork to Jayne for the August meeting.
5. **Development and coaching report.** No report.
6. **EMAS report.** Next meeting is 27th July.
7. **Records Officer.** There are two claims from one archer.
8. **County Captain.** There was a meeting with the other county team captains, discussed changing the team sizes if the competitions have to be run under Covid secure conditions. They will meet again at the end of July, to see if counties can actually get teams together. Sarah thinks we will get a senior team, the female team interest has not been that high so if there are any female recurve, compound, barebow or longbow archers do get in touch. Carol sent out an email to juniors we have five recurves, one barebow and one compound at the moment. Sarah needs to know If any other juniors are interested by the **26th of July**, so she can confirm and put a team forward for the Sydney Bond. Other counties are also struggling to find teams for both seniors and juniors. If clubs have any juniors interested in shooting for the county please email Sarah as soon as you can.
teamcaptain.lrcaa@gmail.com
9. **Junior Rep.** No one in post.
10. **Webmaster.** Everything he has been sent has been uploaded to the website, the job descriptions for the committee posts and "Teams" are on the website, he will also put them on the Facebook page.
11. **Safeguarding Officer.** no report.
12. **Tournaments.** No one in post.
13. **Any other business.**
 - a. The committee agreed the dates for the next 4 meetings. This illustrates how close we are to the AGM and how urgent it is to fill the vacancies on the committee.
Forthcoming Meeting dates; Monday 9th August 2021 –7.30pm online

September 13th – county meeting and review constitution

October 4th

November 8th Annual General Meeting 7.30pm

Meetings will continue on Skype for the time being, finding a venue at present is difficult as many are not yet fully reopened.

- b. Eddie asked Helen about the issues faced in county in recruiting volunteers onto the county committee, we are not alone. Perhaps holding a meeting in person could encourage more people to come forward, we could look at creating a volunteer coordinator, who's role is to actively recruit volunteers. As a county if we can't get someone in a specific role, we could stop doing the events organised by that role. Which may encourage people to get involved.
- c. Constitutionally as a county we must have 3 executive officers Chair, Treasurer and Secretary (Jayne is stepping down in November), if no one takes on the role of County Secretary L&RCAA will be disbanded. (post meeting; having checked the county constitution there is no stipulation of disbandment if there is no secretary in post after an AGM). If no one comes forward for the vacant posts on the county committee, there will be no JeDiS, senior coaching, junior shoots, county team, coaching courses and coach development events. We have all tried various different ways of encouraging people into roles on the committee, if you are interested in any of the roles please contact lrcaa.secretary@gmail.com, all roles run from one annual general meeting to the next (1 year), if you wish to continue in a role for a further year, you can.
- d. Do we use this opportunity to refocus county, what does county do, how are we relevant to our archers? If we have to have fewer officers, county will rationalise and only do what is essential to county. Archers seem to want a facility to go and shoot, they are not as interested in being part of a club environment as they used to be.
- e. Helen asked do we ask why people are stepping down from posts? This could inform us as how to improve things for our volunteers in the future. We could run an event (open day) to ask members what they think is important in county, roles etc. Helen stated that the sports governance code recommends that no one does a role for more than 9 years, this doesn't mean that people have to leave the committee they can just change roles.
- f. A lot of the former JeDiS are now seniors, to continue with JeDiS, we need a venue. The JeDiS could be completely restructured by whoever takes it on as we will be starting from scratch with a whole new group of juniors.

Meeting ended at 20.35

Next Meeting will be held on Monday 9th August at 7.30pm.

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